

Hon. Elizabeth F. Tavitas

On Thursday, July 19, 2018, Governor Eric J. Holcomb named Elizabeth Frances Tavitas as his selection to serve on the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Since 2006, Tavitas has served as Judge of the Lake Superior Court's Domestic Relations Division.

Prior to her appointment to the Lake County Superior Court, Judge Tavitas served as a deputy prosecutor in the Lake County Prosecutor's Office, a juvenile public defender in the Lake Superior Court's Juvenile Division, and also maintained a private practice.

In 1998, she was appointed to the position of referee in the Lake Superior Court's Juvenile Division, where she served until 2006. During that time, Judge Tavitas served on the Juvenile Bench Book Committee.

Judge Tavitas served as chair of the NWI Volunteer Attorneys, Inc. from 2007 through 2012, and currently continues to serve as a board member. She previously served as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission from 2007 through 2012. From 2009 through 2013, she served as a board member for Indiana Legal Services, Inc. She was elected as a board member of the Notre Dame Law Association Board in 2010. She currently serves as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Supreme Court's Domestic Relations Committee.

Judge Tavitas is an active member of the Lake County Bar Association's family law section, the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Judges Association, the Women Lawyers Association, the National Association of Women Judges, and the International Association of Women Judges.

She has served as a moot court judge for the Notre Dame Law School Trial Advocacy Program and as a judge for the "We the People" program sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association.

Judge Tavitas earned her bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame. She is a 2009 Indiana Judicial College graduate and a graduate of the 2012 Indiana Judge's Graduate Program.

A date for Tavitas's robing ceremony will be determined by the Indiana Court of Appeals.

